

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-42. (Canceled)

Claim 43. (Currently Twice amended) A catalyst composition for treating a diesel engine exhaust stream containing gaseous hydrocarbons and a volatile organic fraction comprises a refractory carrier on which is disposed a coating of a catalytic material ~~consisting essentially of~~comprising: (i) bulk ceria having a BET surface area of at least about 10 m²/g, (ii) ~~Beta~~-zeolite, the ~~Beta~~ zeolite optionally being doped with a catalytic moiety selected from the group consisting of one or more of hydrogen, platinum, rhodium, palladium, ruthenium, osmium, iridium, copper, nickel, chromium and vanadium, and (iii) a catalytic metal selected from the group consisting of platinum and palladium- wherein the catalyst composition excludes alumina and wherein the only zeolite present in the catalyst composition is Beta zeolite.

Cancel claims 44-70. (Canceled)

71. (Currently amended) A catalyst composition for treating a diesel engine exhaust stream containing gaseous hydrocarbons and a volatile organic fraction ~~comprises~~consisting essentially of (a) a refractory carrier, and (b) a coating of a catalytic material disposed on the carrier, wherein the carrier is inert relative to the catalytic material with respect to promoting reactions promoted by the catalytic material, the catalytic material consisting essentially of bulk ceria having a BET surface area of at least about 10 m²/g, and Beta zeolite, the Beta zeolite optionally being doped with a catalytic moiety selected from the group consisting of one or more of hydrogen and catalytically active metal cations, with the provisos that (i) iron is excluded from the group of catalytically active metal cations, and (ii) a catalytic metal selected from the group consisting of platinum and palladium is present in the composition.